

IN THE CLAIMS

1-41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) A preparation comprising an ~~An~~ antibody that specifically binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6.

43. (currently amended) The preparation ~~antibody~~ of claim 42, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

44. (currently amended) The preparation ~~antibody~~ of claim 42, wherein the antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

45. (currently amended) The preparation ~~antibody~~ of claim 42, wherein the antibody is a single chain Fv.

46. (currently amended) The preparation ~~antibody~~ of claim 42, wherein the antibody is humanized.

47. (new) The preparation of claim 42, wherein the antibody is an F(ab)₂' fragment.

48. (new) The preparation of claim 42, wherein the antibody is an Fab' fragment.

49. (new) The preparation of claim 42, wherein the antibody is an Fab fragment.

50. (new) The preparation of claim 49, wherein the Fab fragment is a heteromeric Fab fragment.

51. (new) The preparation of claim 42, wherein the antibody is a chimeric antibody.